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## Viewing cable 07BOGOTA2995, SPILT MILK: FARC ATTACKS AGAINST NESTLE

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
07BOGOTA2995	2007-05-02 22:09	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Bogota

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SUBJECT: SPILT MILK: FARC ATTACKS AGAINST NESTLE  
JEOPARDIZE LIVELIHOOD OF THOUSANDS IN CAQUETA

Classified By: Political Counselor John S. Creamer.  
Reason: 1.4 (b,d)

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Summary  
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[¶1. \(C\) FARC attacks on Swiss multinational Nestle's dairy operations in Caqueta threaten the livelihoods of thousands of families. In Janua](#)

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Caqueta: Farming and the FARC

[¶2. \(U\) The southern agrarian department of Caqueta has been a FARC stronghold since the FARC's inception. The area is still a battlefield. adjacent Larandia military base. The FARC's elite Teofilo Forero Castro mobile column operates just north of Florencia, and additional FARC fr](#)

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Enter Nestle

[¶3. \(U\) Nestle opened a milk condensing facility in Florencia in 1978, and later opened two large milk cooling plants in the northern towns c](#)  
[¶4. \(U\) Company spokesperson XXXXXXXXXXXX said Nestle is the main source of "legal income" \(as opposed to coca production\) in the department,](#)

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Spilt Milk: FARC Attacks Nestle Plants

[¶5. \(C\) The FARC has tried to dominate the dairy industry through attacks and extortion demands. On January 15, the FARC blew up a milk tank](#)

[¶6. \(C\) XXXXXXXXXXXX of Nestle Colombia, said the most significant attack was the one on the milk truck. The economic value of the destructi](#)

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Nestle Says "No Thanks" to Offer of Special Security

[¶7. \(C\) In a mid-March meeting, XXXXXXXXXXXX told President Uribe Nestle did not want any special security action from the GOC. Nestle also](#)

[¶8. \(C\) Nestle hopes dairy farmers in northern Caqueta will successfully pressure the FARC to leave Nestle alone. Drivers stopped collecting](#)

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Livelihood of Thousands at Mercy of FARC

[¶9. \(C\) The real victims of the attacks are the people of Caqueta. The incomes of dairy farmers in northern Caqueta, most of whom earn betwe](#)  
Drucker